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□ □ □ Happiness is not the absence of problems, but the ability to deal with them.

Part I Writing (30 minutes)

Directions: For this party you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay on happiness by referring to the saying "**Happiness is not the absence of problems, but the ability to deal with them.**" You can cite examples to illustrate your point and then explain how you can develop your ability to deal with problems and be happy. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

□ □ □ A wealth of information creates a poverty of attention.

Directions: For this party you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay about the impact of the information explosion by referring to the saying "**A wealth of information creates a poverty of attention.**" You can give examples to illustrate your point and then explain what you can do to avoid being distracted by irrelevant information. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

□□□ The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

Directions: For this party you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay commenting on the remark "**The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.**" You can give examples to illustrate your point and then explain what you will do to make your life more meaningful. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

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why it is unwise to jump to conclusions

upon seeing or hearing something

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay explaining **why it is unwise to jump to conclusions upon seeing or hearing something**. You can give examples to illustrate your point. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

why it is unwise to put all your eggs in

one basket

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay explaining **why it is unwise to put all your eggs in one basket**. You can give examples to illustrate your point. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

why it is unwise to judge a person by

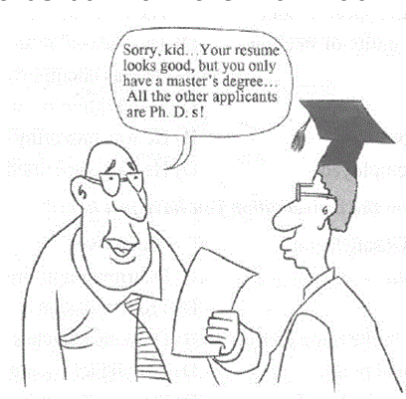
their appearance

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay explaining **why it is unwise to judge a person by their appearance**. You can give examples to illustrate your point. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

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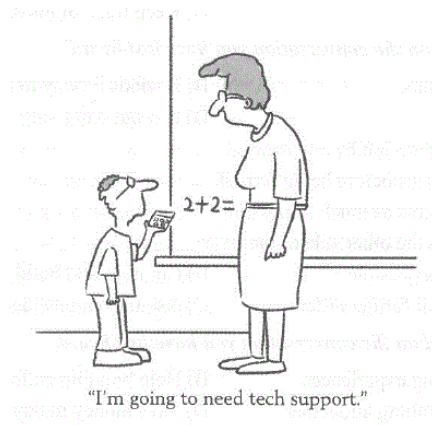
□ □ □ **what qualities an employer should look for in job applicants**

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay based on the picture below. You should start your essay with a brief description of the picture and then discuss **what qualities an employer should look for in job applicants**. You should give sound arguments to support your views and write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



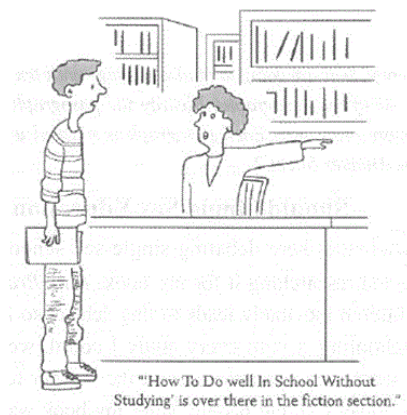
□ □ □ **whether technology is indispensable in education**

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay based on the picture below. You should start your essay with a brief description of the picture and then discuss **whether technology is indispensable in education**. You should give sound arguments to support your views and write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



□□□ whether there is a shortcut to learning

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay based on the picture below. You should start your essay with a brief description of the picture and then discuss **whether there is a shortcut to learning**. You should give sound arguments to support your views and write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



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□□□ Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay commenting on the saying "**Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.**" You can give an example or two to illustrate your point of view. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

□ □ □ I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay commenting on Albert Einstein's remark "**I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.**" You can give an example or two to illustrate your point of view. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

□□□ If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay commenting on the saying "**If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.**" You can cite examples to illustrate your point of

view. You should write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.

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**□□□ the impact of social networking websites
on reading**

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay based on the picture below. You should focus on **the impact of social networking websites on reading**. You are required to write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



"I love reading. I read about 3 hours a day.
My favorite book is Facebook".
Facebook is the name of a social networking website.

**□ □ □ the difficulty in acquiring useful
information in spite of advanced information
technology**

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay

based on the picture below. You should focus on **the difficulty in acquiring useful information in spite of advanced information technology**. You are required to write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



“We have lots of information technology.
We just don’t have much useful information.”

□ □ □ the harm caused by misleading information online

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a short essay based on the picture below. You should focus on **the harm caused by misleading information online**. You are required to write at least 150 words but no more than 200 words.



I just feel unfortunate to live in a world with
so much misleading information!”